

Public Safety Advisory Committee Meeting

June 26, 2014

Present:

Ray Bryan – Vice Chair and rep of Historic Milwaukie Neighborhood Association

Linda Hedges – Secretary and Member At Large

Megan Elston– Island Station Neighborhood Association

Sue Richardson – Lake Road Neighborhood Association

Angel Falconer – Member at Large

Chris Ortolano – Member at Large

Chief Steve Bartol – Milwaukie PD

Guests: Joanne Bird, Kelly Williams

Apologies: Don Wiley, Chair – Linwood Neighborhood Association; Mary Weaver - Campbell Neighborhood Association

The meeting was called to order at 6:16 p.m by Vice Chair Ray Bryan. Introductions were made.

Ray asked if everyone had read the minutes from the May meeting. Chris Ortolano moved to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded and they were approved unanimously

Ray reported that Don would be delayed.

No representative of the Clackamas Fire District attended.

Milwaukie Police Department

- Tom Broomfield has been promoted to Detective Sergeant, Luke Strait to Sergeant and Tony Cereghino has returned from Tri-Met to the Detective Division. Officer Campos has completed the police academy and is now on duty and has been nicknamed “Goose” (refer to news coverage regarding rescue of goose) and Officers Snell and Myers will be going to the academy in July.
- Recruitment for two new positions closes June 27th. Internal opening for Public Information Officer in process as Officer Neitch has done the job well for several years.
- Officer Involved Shooting reported on. Officers Wells and Odem remain on administrative leave until Clackamas Co. Grand Jury meets in July.
- Supreme Court ruling on search of cell phones – must be by consent or with warrant (might take a couple of hours)
- Call 503-786-7500 for reports on fireworks that could cause damage
- Discussed Reynolds School shooting and how school staff and officer training and our own SRO at Milwaukie HS serve as prevention here

Portland Milwaukie Light Rail report:

- Ray mentioned that he asked TriMet about the stormwater beds on Harrison near the Waldorf School which contain vertical iron bars meant to be a weir. The plants will fill in around the bars. The area is roped off in the meantime to prevent anyone from injuring themselves.
- The bike and pedestrian bridge is being installed under the bridge over Kellogg Lake
- The project is nearing completion

- TriMet will attend the September meeting to present the curriculum for safety education programs for local students regarding PMLR.

Sub-Committee Reports

- Emergency Preparedness Seminars
 - Linda reported on the June 11th ThinkFirst brain injury seminar and distributed handouts
- K-9 fundraising
 - Sue Richardson reported the July 19th 9KforK9 walk registrations are available at the www.mpsf.org website and donations for the raffle are going well. She had raffle tickets to sell.
- Bike Giveaway
 - Chief Bartol reported that new bikes and helmets were distributed – 5 at each elementary school. Kids at Rowe MS got good rehabbed bikes. Money was leftover for next year's fund.
- Domestic Violence Awareness
 - Angel Falconer reported that she is working with Amanda Castellano on an article for the October Pilot; a design is being drawn up for a scarecrow. There will also be a proclamation made by City Council in October in recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness month.
 - Chief Bartol mentioned that the City is undertaking an MOU with the Womens Crisis Shelter and that officers will be specially trained in assessment of domestic violence calls with victims receiving immediate referral once a pre-determined threshold is met
- Safe Routes to School
 - Angel has been talking with representatives from Linwood Elementary PTO, which has distributed surveys to parents on the routes their children take to walk or ride their bikes to school. Ardenwald will also be participating. Linda suggested that the PTOs be asked to collaborate with their NDAs on this project.

PSAC Representative to Milwaukie Greenway Project:

- Chris Ortolano was selected by unanimous vote
- Chris asked Linda to assist him with provision of data and background information. It was agreed that position of PSAC is that pedestrian and bike safety should be the driving factor in the design rather than an east-west bike lane corridor to meet Metro's transportation goals

NDA Issues:

- Ray asked Chief Bartol if there is a way for neighborhoods to query service calls and crime reports on a specific problem location in their area. Chief Bartol explained that at present the computer system can be queried by PD staff but it is very time consuming to do so and that our current records staffing is short so information may have a lag time. The Portland CrimeMapper software doesn't reflect service calls. If a neighborhood is experiencing a pressing situation the rep should contact Chief Bartol.

July's Agenda:

- The 2014-15 Work Plan will be distributed by email (attached to these notes) so that at our next meeting minor changes can be made

Linda moved and it was seconded to end the meeting. It was approved and the meeting closed at 7:45pm.

Draft minutes pending approval at July 24, 2014 meeting.
Submitted by Linda M. Hedges, Secretary

2014 – 2015 WORK PLAN suggestions from Mary Weaver 6-26-14

ACTIVITY B

(1) Support the Officer/Reserve Officer of the Year Dinner, held in March of each year. (2014 date to be determined)

TIMELINE: Begin planning in October, 2013, for 2014 dinner. Debrief in April.

WHO PARTICIPATES: Subcommittee of PSAC, coordinating with community and business organizations especially the American Legion Post #180, the Public Safety Foundation, and volunteers. Supported by the seven Neighborhood Associations of Milwaukee.

Change dates to reflect 2015 planning.

(2) Encourage participation in the Citizen Ride-Along Program after NDA elections each year.

I asked about this before but I'm not sure there was a conclusion. I suggest that someone who has been on a ride-along write an announcement that each rep can give to their NDA officers as part of their PSAC report - what it is, benefits to neighborhood and self, how to sign up. Those who have been can add their own comments, but at least we would have common information and encouragement from PSAC as planned in #2 above.

(3) Safety Education Program: To be developed.

This needs to be updated. Should it be combined with #5 below as we did with the Fair? How does it fit with E (1) below – is it generally the same or was it intended to meet some other need? My thought is that the Emergency Preparedness theme needs to remain a separate item in the work plan even if a particular event or program includes more themes. (It also would help protect Linda from ending up in charge of everything.)

I think this item (3) needs to be for any safety concerns we want to focus on OTHER THAN Emergency Preparedness or traffic safety. I don't remember previous discussions about this – but I'm thinking it should be narrowed down to something like pedestrian safety or bike safety or light rail and pedestrian safety – whatever we think is best without trying to cover everything we can think of. Maybe this should be a rotating theme sort of program where the focus changes on maybe a 4-year cycle. Then the topics could be updated each time they come around, or a new one substituted.

(4) Plan an activity and recognize Domestic Violence Awareness month.

TIMELINE: October, planning to start in May 2014

I sent Don a report about the progress on this so far. I think the PILOT article, the mayor's proclamation, and the scarecrow, plus brochures (left from the fair) in a few places like the library is probably enough for this year. Then review for 2015.

(5) Plan an activity to publicize and recognize Preparedness month as well as to provide an on-going emergency preparedness theme for city offered activities.

TIMELINE: Planning to start immediately.

Linda –

(2) Community Safety Appreciation Week

TIMELINE: Connect with North Clackamas Chamber of Commerce and Milwaukie City Council regarding which week is designated for the year, and their annual luncheon date. Determine what role PSAC should have during this week.

WHO PARTICIPATES: PSAC members - to be determined by activities selected.

I don't want to give up on the idea of participating if they do it again, but it is probably fruitless to leave it in the plan unless we get confirmation from the NCCC that something is happening we can actually participate in.

(3) Milwaukie Police Department Bikes for Kids – Has been expanded to all Milwaukie elementary schools.

TIMELINE: Plan to be developed with leadership from Chief Jordan.

WHO PARTICIPATES: 2014 partners to be announced.

Update Chief's name and add appropriate details – change to 2015.

ACTIVITY E

Develop a plan as follow-up to the renewed contract for the Photo Radar Van. The plan should be presented to Council and should include:

(1) A proposal for a general traffic safety campaign in Milwaukie focused on one aspect such as not using hand-held devices while driving, seatbelt use, restricted driving, or child safety seat use.

(2) An awareness/education proposal directly related to the van and how it is used by the City of Milwaukie has been accomplished and is on the Police, and Court web sites.

(3) An amount of \$10,000 annually from the City will help support 1 & 2 above.

(4) Recommendations for gathering citizen input into the regular reviews of the use of the Photo Radar Van and evaluation of the strategies used in #1 and #2 above

WHO PARTICIPATES: PSAC and Council, with assistance from staff.

I believe this whole section was a result of meeting with Council through that whole Photo Radar Van process. Items (1) and (2) were designed as a way to use the money. Item (4) was designed to give feedback on the uses (1 and 2) of the money AND the use of the van itself so that each time the contract comes up for renewal, we don't start from scratch getting support for continuing it.

We need to review this whole section in light of funding. However, whether there is money or not, I believe maintaining the public's knowledge of the value of the PRV (goodwill, so to speak) and finding ways to get citizen input as requested by Council is really important. As we found before, the most likely people to speak up seem to be those opposed, so we need to try for balance.

One idea is to (1) present a traffic "mini-report" to the NDA's - maybe twice a year - using MPD statistics on the operation of the PRV and any other traffic concerns the Chief may have, and (2) give those neighbors at the meeting a chance to ask questions or comment, then (3) document that we've offered citizens a chance to give input and discussed the results at the following PSAC meeting. I would NOT present the report as a choice to "do or not do" - it should (IMO) be presented as a progress report and comments solicited on any traffic safety topic so that the PRV is part of the bigger picture, not just a target. This should not cost anything.

Don Wiley, PSAC Chair

Approved by PSAC members, September 15, 2015

I am sure the date is wrong on this, and I remember mentioning that it should be 2013 for approval. The expiration date would be Dec. 31, 2015.
